



## WORST STORM FOR YEARS

**Terrific Loss of Life in middle West.**

## STORM IS UNABATED

**Loss of Cattle and Sheep Will Exceed that of Several Years Past.**

## CONSIDERABLE LOSS OF LIFE

**Telegraph Wires are Down, Trains Blocked and Passenger Traffic on Several Roads Almost Suspended.**

DENVER, Oct. 22.—One of the worst storms that ever swept the eastern slope of the Rockies raged for over 24 hours and devastated the country from northern Wyoming to the borders of New Mexico. The fierce wind was accompanied by snow, which fell on the plains to the depth of three feet. In the foothills and mountains there are five or six feet of snow. In northern Colorado the storm was felt severely and crop and stock losses will be great. Should it freeze in the near future the loss will be tremendous. On all roads running into this city, trains have been delayed for many hours and the wires are down in all directions.

DULUTH, Minn., Oct. 22.—For hours one of the heaviest snow storms known in years has been raging in the northeastern part of the state. Reports from the storm centers are meager, as high winds and heavy drifts have wrecked both telephone and telegraph wires. It is hoped that communication will be restored within a few hours, as linemen have been rushed out to work on broken wires.

ELLIS, Kan., Oct. 22.—After raging with unceasing fury for 24 hours, the great snow storm which has created havoc through the state, is passing eastward. Wyoming, Colorado and Utah have been swept by heavy snows, from two to five feet, covering the earth and heavy drifts are being formed by the winds. Western Kansas encountered the storm today. Reports from eastern Colorado are to the effect that a heavy blanket of white covers that portion of the state.

Reports from the middle west states is to the effect that the loss of sheep and cattle will be heavy, and reports of loss of life are being received hourly. The telegraph wires are down in every direction and it is impossible to secure any news. The storm still continues, with unabated fury.

### ANOTHER SEVERE STORM.

**Colorado and Wyoming Swept by Terrible Snow Storm.**

DENVER, Oct. 22.—The storm throughout the mountain region which began here with rain on Friday, changed to snow on Saturday, subsided this morning. It is said to have been one of the most severe storms since 1892. Locally but little damage was done. Sheepmen in Wyoming, Colorado and New Mexico, it is believed, will suffer heavy losses, as they were unprepared for such severe weather. There are hundreds of tons of sugar beets and thousands of barrels of apples still in the open in the northern part of Colorado, and should the cold continue the damage will be very great. A dispatch received from Beulah, 28

miles west of Pueblo, received at noon today, says that 42 inches of snow has fallen there and it was still snowing.

### VICTIMS OF THE STORM.

SIoux FALLS, Oct. 22.—David Gunaway and Robert Brown, young sons of prominent residents of Chamberlain, were found dead on the prairie today, the victims of the storm that swept central South Dakota Saturday and Sunday.

### COURT ON TRAIN.

**Fischer Tried and Convicted on Northwestern.**

MAPLETON, Iowa, Oct. 22.—A unique trial was held today on the noon train over the Northwestern railroad. Claude Fischer, accused of assaulting Miss Mira Baker, was tried before the judge of the circuit court on board the train, it being a preliminary examination, and after taking the evidence or several witnesses, he was bound over to the grand jury and taken to the Onawa county jail. The cause of the trial was that the authorities were afraid an attempt would be made to lynch Fischer.

### ARRESTED FOR FORGERY.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 22.—Al French, who is wanted at La Grande for forgery, was arrested at Nappa, Cal., today. Officers with requisition papers are expected to arrive tomorrow, when French will be taken to La Grande for trial.

## HENEY AFTER THEM

**City Official in the Shadow of the Prison.**

## EVIDENCE AGAINST GRAFTING

**San Francisco Grand Jury Will Investigate Charges Against City Officials Who Have Been Accused of Grafting.**

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 22.—Assistant District Attorney Francis J. Heney and William J. Burns, his chief of detectives, have in their possession, evidence involving a large number of municipal grafters and others which will be presented to the grand jury that is to be impaneled tomorrow, and which the new prosecuting attorney confidently expects will result in the speedy indictment of the persons he is seeking to bring to the bar of justice.

Heney and Burns have thrown new light on the situation by announcement that they have been preparing their cases against the municipal grafters since March 1. On that date Burns arrived from Washington and engaging a corp of detectives, began his investigations into the conduct of public officials, political bosses and others, which has resulted in the gathering of the evidence referred to.

As to the details of this evidence both Heney and Burns maintain complete silence. Heney points out that the evidence is sufficiently strong and convincing to him to stake his reputation and give up all other business to prosecute the persons, he is after, while Burns declares he would not have left the United States secret service unless he was convinced that the evidence he had discovered would stand the test in a criminal court and result in conviction.

### PASSENGER STEAMER SOLD.

DETROIT, Oct. 22.—The steel passenger steamers Chippewa and Iroquois were sold today for \$400,000 to the Puget Sound Day Line and will soon start on their long journey around the horn by the way of the St. Lawrence river. The boats have a speed of about 18 miles an hour.

## FOUR MEN PICKED UP

**Liner Colorado Arrives at Mobile Yesterday.**

## HOUSEBOAT WRECKED

**Four Men Found Standing on Raft Made of Six Big Logs.**

## SEVENTY-EIGHT DROWNED

**The House Boat Was Struck by Fierce Hurricane and Nearly Everyone Was Drowned Before Assistance Could Arrive.**

MOBILE, Oct. 22.—The liner Colorado which arrived today had on board four men, picked up at sea last Saturday, ninety miles from Key West. One of the men says that he saw seventy-eight men drowned from a houseboat wrecked off Long Key during the recent storm. The four men found and picked up by the Colorado were standing on an improvised raft, made out of six logs, and when picked up were standing waist deep in the water. The houseboat was struck by a hurricane and was driven to sea, compelling all on it to abandon it, as she soon went to pieces. At the time she was driven out to sea, there were 125 men on board. The four rescued men witnessed the boat and saw 78 men drowned before their eyes. They picked up the drift logs and made a raft, and attempted to rescue men from the houseboat, but succeeded in saving only four. Others clung to pieces of the house, and unless drowned will probably be picked up by some passing steamer. They are of the opinion, however, that all must have perished, as the storm was most terrific and there was little hope for being rescued, it being in the night time, and no raft could possibly outlive the storm.

### ESCAPED LYCHING.

**Alabama Negro Pleads Guilty and Escapes His Pursuers.**

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Oct. 22.—Herman Thompson, the negro who attempted to assault little Callie Belle Caine Friday, and for whom a number of armed men were scouting for ever since, and is now serving a 20-year term at Pratt's Mines penitentiary, thanks to the ruse adopted to avoid detection of the would-be lynchers, who were watching all points, appeared in the Montgomery courtroom at 3 o'clock this afternoon, plead guilty and was taken to the station, where a special train bore him to the penitentiary.

### NEW CRUISER CALIFORNIA.

**Broke Her Bearing and Compelled to Put Back to Port.**

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 22.—After two hours of her endurance run, during which she exceeded the required 23 knots per hour, the new cruiser California was compelled to put back into port, on account of a defective bearing. With her trial board on board, the California steamed out to sea for forty miles and then began a four hours' endurance run. After two hours, during which the vessel exceeded her speed requirements, a broken bearing made it necessary for her to put back to port for repairs. The cruiser will be given another trial Thursday.

### CUBAN BANKER ESCAPES.

**No Extradition Treaty Between United States and Venezuela.**

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22.—The United States can take no steps to bring about the extradition of Silveira, the Cuban banker, who is wanted in Havana, and is now supposed to be in Caracas, Venezuela. There is no extradition treaty between Cuba and Venezuela and therefore the United States cannot interfere in the case. Consequently Governor Magoon may ask President Castro to permit Silveira to be taken by Cuban authorities, but the outcome depends entirely upon Castro. It is not believed he can be extradited, and will probably escape punishment.

### BY THE GUN ROUTE.

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 22.—Frank E. Harnish, 24 years old, tonight killed himself in a shocking manner. He loaded one barrel of a shotgun, attached a strap to the trigger, passed the strap around the gun-stock, placed the muzzle to his head and pulled the strap. His face was entirely blown away and death was instantaneous. The cause of the deed is unknown.

### FIGHTING IN CUBA.

HAVANA, Oct. 22.—Because of the unsettled conditions which prevail in Puerto Principe province, where armed rebels still hover around the outskirts of the capital, committing depredations, 300 men of the 17th infantry will be ordered there tomorrow.

## CHEWED A THUMB

**Attempted Jailbreak at Colfax Frustrated.**

## COUNTY PRISONERS BATTLE

**Daring Attempt to Break Jail by Prisoners Results in a White Man Chewing Off a Thumb—**

COLFAX, Wash., Oct. 22.—A fierce battle occurred between prisoners in the county jail here last evening in which George Henry Aschenbrenner chewed a thumb almost off George Wood, colored, and Aschenbrenner's face was pounded almost to a pulp by the negro. Serious damage might have been done had not the beligerents been separated by Herman Maurer, another prisoner. Several days ago the prisoners had planned an escape during the absence of Sheriff Cannutt. This was learned and all interested in the plot were locked in the cells and not allowed the freedom of the corridor, except Aschenbrenner, who was permitted to stay in the corridor during the day and assist in feeding the other prisoners. They suspected Aschenbrenner of having given the tip which resulted in the discovery of the plot, and all have had it in for him since that time. When they were fed today all were let out into the corridor and after dinner Wood attacked Aschenbrenner viciously and beat his face terribly. Aschenbrenner got the negro's thumb in his mouth and nearly chewed it off. Maurer separated them and called Deputy Sheriff Weinburg, who locked the prisoners in the cells. Aschenbrenner wanted the deputy to turn him and the negro loose in the corridor and let them fight it out. He declared he could lick that black fellow if the Dutchman would let them alone.

### DEPRIVED OF CHARTERS.

BELLEFONTAINE, Ohio, Oct. 22.—The circuit court today rendered a decision which in effect ousts from Ohio all bridge companies that failed to surrender their charters at the so-called bridge trust meeting two weeks ago. Companies deprived of their charters are the Iron Substructure Co. and the Columbus Bridge Co.

## NEW POLITICAL DEMANDS

**Demand for Roosevelt's Renomination in 1908.**

## COUNTRY DEMANDS IT

**Doubtful If Bryan Will Be Democratic Candidate.**

## CONGRESSMEN DISCUSS IT

**Should Hearst Win in New York, Will Be a Candidate for President—At Present Odds are Two and One-Half to One on Hughes.**

(By Sheldon S. Cline.)

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22.—(Special.)—The past week has furnished political developments which are regarded by the seers in Washington as of large significance. Chief among them is what many people accept as an organized and determined effort to force Theodore Roosevelt to become the Republican candidate for president in 1908. Enthusiastic admirers of the President, of course, have insisted all along that it must be Roosevelt or defeat, but when such old Republican wheel-horses as Gen. Charles H. Grosvenor of Ohio, and Senator Steven B. Elkins, of West Virginia, join the shouting, it is time to sit up and take notice.

Gen. Grosvenor was first among conspicuous Republicans to declare himself. It is true he did not mention names, but he argued in an abstract way that no man had a right, after once being elected to the Presidency, to decline to serve a second term, or a third, or as many terms as his fellow-citizens demanded of him. He meant Roosevelt, of course. The shoe fits no other man of the present day, and there has been no other man since Washington who could have worn it.

The Hon. "Steve" Elkins is a much blunter man than is Grosvenor, and he made no attempt to beat about the bush. "The people of West Virginia," he declared, "favor the nomination of President Roosevelt for a third term, and if the call of the people all over the country is equally strong, Mr. Roosevelt should bow to it and renounce his decision of two years ago not to run again."

It is very true, of course, that Mr. Elkins is a candidate to succeed himself in the United States Senate, and that it will not hurt him any to boom Roosevelt for the Presidency, but it is not necessary that we look for an ulterior motive in the utterance of every public man. Mr. Elkins did not content himself with a mere declaration that West Virginia looked with favor upon Mr. Roosevelt. "The call of the people of a republic should be stronger than the will of any man," he continued. "Mr. Roosevelt has made a great president. He is stronger than his party in West Virginia and throughout the country, and there can be no doubt of the demand that he continue as Chief Magistrate of the nation four years more. If Mr. Hearst should win in New York, Mr. Roosevelt would be absolutely forced to run."

His speech on government ownership has hurt him a lot, and when Democrats have had time to think it over, it is my guess that they will begin to look around for another candidate."

In answer to a query as to what effect the election of Mr. Hughes as governor of New York would have on the Republican Presidential situation, Mr. Elkins said: "The election of Mr. Hughes as the next governor of New York will not necessarily make him a candidate for the Presidency. He has not been at the bellows long enough yet to aspire to jump so high in so short a time."

Now that it has been settled that Postmaster-General Cortelyou is to succeed Leslie M. Shaw as secretary of the treasury, the question of Mr. Cortelyou's resignation from the chairmanship of the Republican national committee has become a live issue. A great many people were scandalized that, under Mr. Roosevelt's administration, any member of the Cabinet should occupy the committee chairmanship, but there was recent precedent for the postmaster-general holding on to the place. Postmaster-General Payne was vice chairman of the committee during his incumbency, and was acting chairman after the death of Senator Hanna. With the Secretary of the Treasury it is a different matter. Unless Mr. Cortelyou gives up the chairmanship by the time he takes Mr. Shaw's place, a storm of criticism will sweep down upon his devoted head.

The story was current months ago that Mr. Cortelyou was to retire from the committee chairmanship and that

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## LAND FRAUD CASES

**Will Be Conducted By U. S. Attorney Bristol.**

## HENEY HAS ANOTHER JOB

**Appointed to Investigate Alleged Crookedness in the San Francisco Municipality.**

PORTLAND, Oct. 22.—It is stated by United States District Attorney Bristol, that he will take up the pending land fraud cases as soon as possible and complete them this winter. The cases have been delayed on account of the absence of Francis J. Heney, who has been recently appointed deputy district attorney for the city and county of San Francisco, to investigate the graft charges against Abe Ruef, Mayor Schmidt and others in that city. If Mr. Heney is entangled in the investigation of the graft charges in San Francisco, it will mean that he will have urgent business in the Bay City for some little time. In that event it will be impossible for him to return to Oregon to take up the trial of the land fraud cases on the schedule time, and Mr. Bristol will take up the cases as soon as judges can be sent to Portland to preside over the cases.

### HELL IS ABOVE.

**Aeronauts Find a Warm Climate Above the Clouds.**

PITTSFIELD, Mass., Oct. 22.—The balloons, Centaur and L'Orient, which remained here after the race between automobiles and balloons for the Handley cup had been declared off, participated in an endurance contest today. L'Orient outlasted the Centaur by about three hours and a half and finally landed at Jamaica, Vermont, 77 miles from the starting point. The Centaur came down close to Bennington, Vermont, 30 miles from here. The occupant of the L'Orient stated that the balloon went 8,000 feet in the air. Above the clouds the heat was so intense that all outside clothing had to be discarded, as the mercury at one time registered 106 degrees.